

MORAN HITS BY INSTINCT AS BOB FITZSIMMONS DID IN FIGHT WITH CORBETT

Sort of Sixth Sense, Possessed by Great Fighters, Tells Them When Punch Will Land Effectively, Declares Dan Hickey, After Studying Style of Willard's Opponent.

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"MORAN has a chance to knock out Willard or anyone else." This is the opinion of Dan Hickey. While Dan doesn't hold any world's titles, I doubt that there's another man in New York who knows more about boxing than the former Australian champion and present boxing instructor at the N. Y. A. C.

R. Edgren's COLUMN



Dan Hickey was with Bob Fitzsimmons for several years. When I first knew him he was training Fitzsimmons for the fight at Carson, in which Peckled Bob won the world's heavyweight championship from Jim Corbett. Fitzsimmons had the greatest respect for Hickey's judgment in all training camp matters.

"The thing that makes a great fighter," Hickey went on when we talked over the Willard-Moran affair last night, "is a sort of a sixth sense that few have. It is absolute knowledge of the instant when a blow can be landed, and of the instant that it can't. A fighter who has that instinct is sure of landing his blow. There is a time when a blow will land effectively. The time may be only a tenth of a second. In that tenth of a second a blow properly delivered will strike home with knockout force. A tenth of a second earlier or later it is wasted."

"Fitzsimmons had that instinct more strongly developed than any other fighter I ever knew. He never wasted a blow unless he intended to waste it for a purpose. When he intended to land effectively he never failed. When ready to deliver a knockout he moved about until he felt that his timing was perfect. For instance, the blow that knocked Corbett out was delivered at the instant Corbett finished exhaling, and before his lungs had begun to fill again. Beside paralyzing Corbett's nerves the blow made him powerless to draw in another breath for several seconds. He had no chance to recover in time to go on fighting. Another fighter than Fitzsimmons might have struck a dozen blows, without that instinctive timing, and without even putting Corbett down."

"There are times in a fight when an opening offers and even a blow shot in swiftly won't reach the mark effectively. But there are other times when you can reach out slowly and land effectively without wasting an ounce of force. Even though Johnson may have gone back a great deal when he met Willard, he had that instinctive knowledge of the instant when he could land effectively. He didn't have to waste any strength or make any great effort, yet it looked as if he was fighting hard. If it hadn't been for that he couldn't have lasted as long as he did."

"Frank Moran has that knack of knowing when he can land a blow and when he can't. I've studied him closely. I want to see him knock Coffey out, and after I saw him once I knew he would knock Coffey out. He waits when he knows he can't land effectively, but the instant he feels that he can drive his blow home he blows in on his way. He doesn't miss. He got his knowledge in a lot of hard fights. Some fighters get it through experience. Some, like Fitzsimmons, are born with it. Any man as strong as Moran, and with his instinct for hitting, has a chance to knock Willard out. I don't know so much about Willard. From his fight with Johnson I should imagine that he is one of the exceptional fighters who can time a blow perfectly. If he has the hitting instinct of course he'll have a great advantage over Moran and should be able to win."

"This fight," said another veteran of wide experience, "will be like the fight between Jack Dempsey and Bob Fitzsimmons. Moran has never seen Willard. He doesn't want to see him. His first glimpse of Willard will be when they face each other in the ring."

"When Jack Dempsey was matched with Bob Fitzsimmons they wouldn't let Jack see Fitzsimmons before the fight. Dempsey was as game a man as ever lived. But when Fitzsimmons stood up in the ring, stripped for the fight, Dempsey took one look at him and his heart went right down into his shoes. He knew he was whipped. Although there wasn't much difference in weight, Fitzsimmons, with his height and his great shoulders and long, powerful arms, was like a giant beside poor little Jack. Dempsey took his beating like the game man he was, but his heart was broken. He never came back."

"Willard finished his boxing yesterday. He wasn't rickety, injury to his hands. Afterward I remarked to Walter Monahan, his chief trainer and sparring partner: "Walter, Jess didn't hit very hard today, did he? How does it feel when he lands on you?" "I'd like to tell you," said Monahan, "but I haven't words to describe it."

"JIM CORBETT says Willard is the greatest man he has seen since he lost met Jeffries in the ring in San Francisco."

Corbett has a wonderful and lasting impression of Jeffries. Jeff hit him so hard in the body that Corbett's eyes were knocked out of focus and he saw double. Imagine seeing two Jeffs!

"WILLARD was being rubbed down after training. "Jess," I said, "you look fit for a fight of ten rounds or less." "A whole lot less," said Jess, laughing, "if I can make it that way." From which I gather that Willard agrees with the majority of "pickers."

"FRANK MORAN is a philosopher. "I'm glad so many people pick Willard," he says. "That doesn't worry me. Just think how much bigger the sensation will be if I get away with him!"

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MORAN KNOWS HOW AND WHEN TO HIT

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Benny Leonard Thinks Moran Will Knock Out Jess Willard

By Benny Leonard.

(Foremost Contender for the Lightweight Championship.)

It's the man with the punch that wins. Moran is the fellow with that necessary asset, and I look to see him put Willard to sleep tomorrow night in the Garden. I think boxing is about to get the biggest boost in its history for I firmly believe that two important championships are to change hands within a week's time. The other championship that will have a new owner one week from tonight is the lightweight title, which I feel confident I will win when I meet Freddie Welsh in Madison Square Garden. I saw Phil Bloom, whom I knocked out recently, hit him at least ten times on the jaw with his right, and if I land half that number I know that I will bring to New York its first lightweight championship. But to get back to Moran. I saw him in both of his fights with Jim Coffey, who is managed by my manager, Billy Gibson, and I know that he has the punch and knows how to land it. There'll be a new heavyweight champion tomorrow night.

FISTIC NEWS AND GOSSIP

By John Pollock

Freddie Welsh, the world's lightweight champion, and Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, holder of the featherweight championship, will defend their titles in ten round bouts at the boxing show of the Harlem Sporting Club on East One Hundred and Thirty-third Street, tonight. Welsh will have for his opponent, Frankie Whitney of Grand Rapids, Mich., who made Al. Volgaquit in a bout at Atlanta, Ga., a few months ago. Kilbane will go against Harry Donahue of Peoria, Ill., the clever and hard hitting lightweight who has already won many fights in this vicinity by his aggressiveness and willingness to exchange blows with his opponents.

Carl Morris, the game heavyweight of Chicago, Mich., and Vernon Smith, the Canadian fighter, are going to have it out in another ten-round bout. They have been matched at Tulsa, Okla., on the night of April 7. This will be their second battle. Morris being qualified for boxing in the ring, and Smith, a former prize fighter, is a contender.

Al. Reich is able to use his right hand and he will meet Guslat Smith in the next bout of ten rounds at the Stadium A. C. show they are to have on Wednesday at Madison Square Garden. Reich is a contender for the title of champion of the world, and Smith is a contender for the title of champion of the world.

Jack Flynn, the old-time light heavyweight, announced in Buffalo last night that he has signed articles for three more fights. The first will be with Tom Nolan at Madison, Pa. on March 31, the second with Al. Reich at Buffalo, N. Y., on April 24, and the third with Ned Dwyer, the Kansas City heavyweight, at Atlantic City, N. J., on April 24.

Jimmy Johnston is certainly in hot water over the unpleasant incident to the Willard-Moran fight in the Madison Square Garden. The colored fighter, Sam Morris and Harry Wells, claim they were out of the ring and because they were might not permit them to back in the same ring with Willard. South Monahan says that Jimmy Johnston was asked to box Battling Lerinsky and was not, while Freddie Welsh says he was dropped because he was knocked out by Fred Fulton. Johnston declared positively last night that Battling Lerinsky and Jim Savage would remain the ten-round semi-final.

Frankie Burns beats Doyle. HOUSTON, Tex., March 24.—Frankie Burns, the Jersey City bantamweight, decisively defeated Jack Doyle before a crowd of 6,000 gentlemen in a ten-round bout last night.

Gattie Defeats Koplin. SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 24.—Harry Gattie of Port Jervis, defeated Battling Koplin in a ten-round bout here last night. Gattie had Koplin on the verge of a knockout in the ninth and tenth rounds.

Jack Skelly Gives Fifteen Reasons Why Willard Should Win

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(Emergency Referee for Big Bout.)

ALTHOUGH I expect Moran to put up a gallant fight and land some corking punches, yet I cannot see that Willard is in any danger of losing his title in this bout. To pick an absolute winner is more than a difficult task, as both men are in the best of condition, about the same age and both carry stiff knockout kicks that are liable to end the big clash at any stage of the fight.

When I say that Willard has the best chances of winning, I claim that the following fifteen reasons are the best assets that should continue him the big king of pugilism:

1. He is such a physical monster and so hard to reach in a vital spot.
2. He is a heavier hitter than Moran, when he gets real angry and wants to put great steam into his punches.
3. He has such a natural and remarkable defense.
4. For such a mammoth fellow, he is very speedy, especially in countering, when aroused.
5. No antagonist has ever been able to make him back away or even hit him with a punch.
6. He has such a quick, snappy left hand for a man of his ponderous size.
7. He is the most powerful champion we ever had and has great vitality and endurance.
8. No man has ever been able to punish him or even give him a black eye.
9. He has never been felled in any regular ring battle before or since he has become champion.
10. He is right in his very prime and leads a healthy, clean life.
11. He can outbox Moran and land more punches on the contender, if he desires to be aggressive.
12. His reach is 83 1/2, while that of Moran's is 78 inches.
13. He never smokes or chews tobacco and drinks only a glass of beer occasionally.
14. He is the most careful big champion I have ever seen, and never loses his head in a mix-up in the ring.
15. He is a dead game fighter and has never shown the slightest inclination to back water in any mill.

Despite all the remarkable fistic qualities of the champion, I cannot underestimate the powers of the challenger. He has acquired a most dangerous right-hand punch, which is liable to collapse any fighter in the world. Willard cannot afford to take any chances from his body whallops, as he is as powerful as he is in his judgment, the fight should be a slashing hot mill, with both men extended to the very limit. In fact it will be the greatest ten-round bout the world has ever witnessed.

Following are a few of the fistic points that Moran boasts of:

1. His terrific right-hand whallops, which are apt to put any man down and out.
2. His quick, cool brain, that never seems to get rattled in a crisis.
3. His absolute gameness and willingness to take punishment and con-

KAUFF'S CHANCE TO 'SHOW UP' COBB WILL COME TO-DAY

Giants and Tigers Open Four-Game Series, in Which Benny Will Endeavor to Carry Out His Winter League Boasts.

MARLIN, Tex., March 24.—Ty Raymond Cobb and Benny Kauff will meet on the diamond this afternoon when the Tigers and Giants open their series.

Many a time and oft when the good fans sat about the hot stove in the Winter League, Benny has told with great gusto how he would make Cobb look like a baby leaguer. He is not only ready for the fray, he is eager for it.

The fans regret keenly that this battle will not be fought out on the field at Marlin. Two games will be played at Dallas, one at Waco, and the two most widely advertised ball players in the game opposed to each other, some stirring deeds may be expected.

The first of the recruits to hear the recall to the minors was Ralph Sharnan, who led the Ohio State League last year. Sharnan has been placed with the Memphis club of the Southern Association under the optional agreement, and if he shows the ability which he is reputed to possess, he will be recalled to the Polo Grounds this year. Sharnan hit .374 in 106 games, getting 147 hits in 252 times at bat.

YANKS GET RID OF FIVE MEN, INCLUDING ARAGON AND CY PIEH.

MACON, Ga., March 24.—The first triple play reported from any ball field this year, seven double plays and a successful rendition of the time-honored hidden ball trick were only a few of the more striking incidents of the game with which the Yankees brought their intra-club series to a close yesterday.

When Ray Fisher took the mound for the regulars it was intended that he should go only five innings. As the Vermont schoolmaster's mighty wing warmed up under the hot rays of a truly Southern sun, however, he felt more and more like working, and when Donovan offered to relieve him at the end of the fifth frame he begged to be permitted to go on.

He was allowed to go the entire nine innings, and though he was beaten by a score of 3 to 2, showed especially well.

There was considerable uneasiness among the recruits last night, for it was known that about fourteen of them would not accompany the main party on the exhibition trip. Aragon goes to Richmond along with Cy Pieh, Vance, Blodgett and Ross, of the young pitchers, are also to be dropped here.

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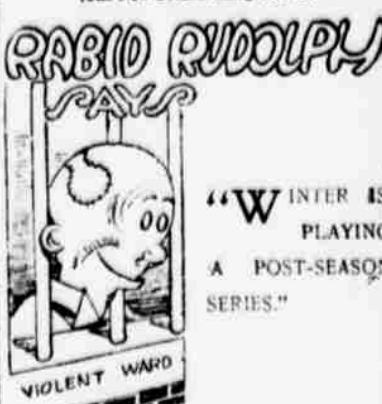
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PUTTING 'EM OVER With "Bugs" Baer.

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Exactly 230 shopping days to Christmas, but only one to the big fight.

Many a rock is a second Ty Cobb for a second.

According to the bugs, Villa's only chance to lengthen his life is to take up golf.

Difference between the old and modern school of fighters is about \$50,000.

Congress having killed the bigger army bill, Navy has a chance this fall.

Constance Mark has the nucleus for a strong team unless the Garry Society steps in.

If the United States steps into a big war, at least American women will know what is keeping their husbands away nights.

Under the National League player limit, his police can't arrest more than a team of 21 Jean Cocteau.

As a ground coverer, Pancho Villa has a trifle on the snow, with Tess Speaker a good third.

Little Sam Crawford's career have changed to a deep lane.

Sam Crawford started in a pitcher, but he recovered.

SCRAMBLED ADS.

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As usual, Henschel Zimmern should not be the leader in sailing.

Willard should win on paper. It is also spring on paper.

ANSWERS TO QUEERIES.

E. Z.—Because everybody plays, it doesn't make golf popular. Every one has snow, but it ain't popular.

B. & O.—Impossible to get a polo outfit at Woolworth's.

V. I. P.—Yale used to be in the "Big Four," but you'd never know the old place now.

W. O. W.—Nobody has ever been arrested for scalping World's Series tickets in Cincinnati.

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